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Non W-2 ☐ **W-2** ☒ **CC** ☐

PRIORITY: High

SUBJECT: W-2 INCOME POLICY CHANGES

CROSS REFERENCE: Wisconsin Works Manual, Chapter 3

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2000.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to convey changes in W-2 policy pertaining to the W-2 financial eligibility test. These changes are pursuant to 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, the 1999-2001 Biennial Budget.

BACKGROUND

Beginning March 1, 2000, disregard these types of income from the 115 % gross income test when determining eligibility for W-2:

1. Earned Income of a Dependent Child

Do not count income earned by a dependent minor child or dependent 18-year old in a W-2 group when determining financial eligibility for W-2.

2. Child Support and Family Support Payments

Do not count child support and family support payments that are received regularly by the W-2 group when determining financial eligibility for W-2.

Continue to count non-regular payments of child support arrears as an asset.
Continue to count maintenance payments to the custodial parent as income.

Parents must continue to cooperate with the child support agency to be eligible for W-2 services.

IMPLEMENTATION

These policy changes will be implemented in CARES on February 21, 2000.

Beginning on that date, W-2 applicants whose financial eligibility is dependent on this policy change may be approved in CARES for a W-2 placement. However, the actual placement of the individual into an employment position may not occur prior to March 1, 2000.